

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 278) designating October 2013 as "School Bus Safety Month."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 278) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL RECESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to H. Con. Res. 62, which was received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 62) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 62) was agreed to.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2013

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2013; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the Watt nomination, with the time until 12 noon equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees. At noon, Senator-elect Booker will be sworn in, so I ask unanimous consent that following the swearing-in of Senator-elect Booker, there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form prior to a cloture vote on the Watt nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. REID. The first rollcall vote will be at approximately 12:10 p.m. tomorrow on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of MEL WATT to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:43 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, October 31, 2013, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

JOSEPH S. HEZIR, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, VICE STEVEN JEFFREY ISAKOWITZ, RESIGNED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

NANI A. COLORETTI, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, VICE DANIEL M. TANGHERLINI, RESIGNED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

JONATHAN ELKIND, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS), VICE DAVID B. SANDALOW, RESIGNED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

RHEA SUN SUH, OF COLORADO, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE, VICE THOMAS L. STRICKLAND, RESIGNED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CHARLES HAMMERMAN RIVKIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS), VICE JOSE W. FERNANDEZ, RESIGNED.

ROBERT C. BARBER, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ICELAND.

BATHSHEBA NELL CROCKER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS), VICE ESTHER BRIMMER, RESIGNED.

MARK GILBERT, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO NEW ZEALAND.

TINA S. K Aidanow, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE COORDINATOR FOR COUNTERTERRORISM, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR AT LARGE, VICE DANIEL BENJAMIN, RESIGNED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

THEODORE REED MITCHELL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, VICE MARTHA J. KANTER.

MASSIE RITSCH, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VICE PETER CUNNINGHAM.

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

WILLIAM A. LAPLANTE, JR., OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE SUE C. PAYTON.

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be lieutenant colonel

STANTON J. J. APPLONIE  
CORY L. BAKER  
ERICKA R. BRIGGS  
XAVIER V. BRUCE  
LEA ANN CALDERWOOD  
CHARLES F. CAMBRON, JR.  
TANYA M. DEAR  
GEORGE A. DELANEY, JR.  
JUSTIN J. EDER  
RONALD B. ELLER  
JEFFREY S. FEWELL  
PETER B. FRENCH  
JENNIFER H. GARRISON  
CARISSA E. GRANT

MICHAEL T. HAMILTON  
JOSEPH G. INDOMENICO, JR.  
PAUL J. JONES  
MICHAEL J. KERSTEN  
SHAUNDR A. KNIGHT  
STACEY C. KRISHNA  
JOHN A. LANE  
THOMAS WARREN LESNICK  
JOHN P. MCFARLANE  
LAURIE R. MCKENNA  
CHARLES R. MONIZ  
KATHY A. NAYLOR  
RICHARD A. PALMER  
CHRISTOPHER M. PALUMBO  
JAMES W. PAYETTE  
VICKY V. PRATT  
JASON P. RICHTER  
JAMES MARINUS ROBERTSON, JR.  
SILVIA E. ROBLEDO  
REGINALD L. SENNIE  
DAVID E. TATUM  
DAVID C. THOMPSON II  
SHARON K. WILLIAMS  
STEPHENIE D. WILLIAMS  
DANIEL P. ZABLOTSKY  
RICHARD J. ZAVADIL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

JAMES D. ATHNOS  
KEITH ALLEN BILLMAN, JR.  
MICHAEL D. BRIDGES  
MIMI BYRD  
TRICIA C. CAIN  
RICHARD H. CAMPBELL  
EDUARDO CERVANTES  
DANIEL CHAVEZ  
SCOTT D. COOK  
MELISSA R. COPELAND  
JOSHUA S. CURTIS  
MIKE DAVIDQUINTERO  
COURTNEY E. DAY  
JOHN J. DECATALDO, JR.  
DONELLA D. DENT  
ARETHA Q. DIX  
MARSHA M. DOLDRON BRYAN  
EDGARDO DONOVAN  
JASON L. DONOVAN  
JASON M. ESTES  
STACEY P. FACKELMAN  
REGINALD JAMES FICKLIN, JR.  
WENDY M. FRANKE  
MONICA M. GOMEZ ARENAS  
MATTHEW J. GROSS  
BRETT R. HADLEY  
CODY JOHN HESS  
JILL M. HIBBERT  
JESSICA A. HILL  
MICHAEL S. JOHNSON  
OCTAVIA LORRAINE JONES  
JACKIELOU E. KIM  
TONY G. LAWRENCE  
MICHAELA C. LEWIS  
WILLIAM CALEB LUNSFORD  
JAMES E. MCDANIEL  
CHRISTOPHER P. MCMILLIAN  
ANDREA MOORE  
EDWARD J. MORRIS  
THOMAS PATRICK NAUGHTON  
CLINTON H. NAWROCKI  
MICHAEL ANDREW OBTJENS  
HIRAM J. ORTIZ  
JOSHUA D. PETER  
REBECCA LYNN POWERS  
JENNIFER ANN PREYER  
KIMBERLY T. PRICE  
JANELLE JUST QUINN  
CANDIDO RAMIREZ  
BEATA H. ROSSON  
JOSEPH L. SANCHEZ, JR.  
CHRISTINE A. SANDERS  
AMBER C. SCHINDELE  
DUANE P. SCHREIBER  
WILLIAM DAVID SHERMAN  
CHRISTY J. SNOW  
SARA M. SPEARING  
JEFFERY ALAN TAYLOR, JR.  
KRIS E. WALKER  
SARAH MONROE WHITSON  
STEPHEN M. WILLIAMS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

##### To be colonel

PAIGE T. ABBOTT  
JOSEPH A. ASCHERL  
WILLIAM MARLIN BARRETT  
JOHN HARRISON BONDHUS  
CLARENCE LEONARD BOROWSKI  
SCOTT C. BRIDGERS  
STEPHEN H. BUNTING  
SCOTT PHILIP CHAMBERS  
WILLIAM D. CLARK  
RICHARD LEE COFFEY III  
LYNN E. COLE  
MICHAEL LAWRENCE CORNELL  
PATRICK K. COTTER  
ROBERT E. CULCASI  
RICHARD C. DAVISON  
RONALD D. DEAL  
CURTIS R. DEKEYREL  
ANTHONY T. DICARLO